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6. In June 1954, a Soviet cable for radio communications was laid from the Soviet office on Dottiistrasse in Berlin-Lichtenberg to the main radio installation at Uhlenhorst. The cable has 10 pairs and each of the wires has a diameter of 1.6 mm. The cable was scheduled to be in service by 20 September 1954.
7. In December 1954, the German postal administration made plans for a VSC cable which was to be laid by the Soviets themselves outside existing cable ducts from the Soviet office / C-3 at Karlshorst to the headquarters of the Sea Police. The 10-pair Mbc cable was designated S-/C-3 and its wires had a diameter of 0.8 mm.
8. A new special cable was scheduled to be laid for the Soviets from telephone exchange 63 on Fennstrasse to the exchange on Reonstrasse. The cable, a 10-pair Mbc cable the wires of which had a diameter of 0.8 mm, was designated Sov. II-3. The cable was to be laid in tubes and was scheduled to be in service by 22 January 1955. The two telephone exchanges mentioned were occupied by German and Soviet personnel.
9. In December 1954, two new 10-pair cables were laid from the headquarters of the Sea Police on Karlshorster Strasse to the KVP installation at 139 on Schnellerstrasse.
10. In May 1954, the framework of the new telephone exchange No 64 was completed. The increase to 10,000 units had become necessary in connection with the concentration of ministries and large industrial enterprises. The wiring scheme for the new exchange had not yet been fixed.
11. In mid-May 1954, a new 100-pair cable was laid from the underground bunker on Oranienburger Strasse to the KVP central telephone exchange bunker, a former German Army telephone exchange which was enlarged by the Soviets in 1952. Subsequently, all air force cables were connected to the telephone exchange at the bunker. The KVP main telephone exchange was used as the exchange of the Berlin station headquarters prior to 1945.
12. On 5 April 1955, the GDR Postal and Telecommunications Ministry ordered telecommunication engineering office No 1 in East Berlin to begin work immediately on the laying of cables to Strausberg airfield.
13. In February 1955, three new special 20-pair cables were put into operation for the Ministry of the Interior. The cables terminate at the exchange of the State Security Service at 22 Normannenstrasse. Special cable S 31/3 extends from there to building No 17 on Freiwald Strasse at Rechenchoonhausen; special cable S 31/4 to building No 4 on Schnellerstrasse; and special cable S 31/5 to building No 100 on Gross-Berliner-Damm, Johannisdorf. All the cables are direct connections and do not touch a junction box or cable distribution box. They were laid in cable ducts previously in existence. In February 1955, work was started on the rearrangement of all old cables of the Ministry of the Interior. These cables were taken out of junction boxes and cable distribution boxes and rearranged in such a way as to make them tap proof.
14. In the summer of 1954, long-distance cable 186.1 and 2 was removed by order of the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry between Wilhelmstrasse and Schnellerstrasse.
15. In July 1954, the laying of cables for the civilian telephone exchange in Koepenick was completed. The necessary technical equipment was not yet available. The automatic installation must still be furnished by West Germany. The completion of telephone exchange No 64 was included in the 1955 construction program. The branch exchange at Schoenebrunn which was completed in 1953 was not in operation in the summer of 1954. It was scheduled to be connected to Telephone Exchange No 64 in 1955.

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